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## **RACING RETURNS TO CHURCHILL DOWNS SUNDAY AT 1 P.M. FOR 24-DAY FALL MEET**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020)** – The Kentucky horse racing circuit shifts from Keeneland in Lexington to Churchill Downs in Louisville on Sunday as the historic home of the Kentucky Derby readies to open its 131<sup>st</sup> Fall Meet with an 11-race program – all for promising 2-year-old Thoroughbreds – at 1 p.m. (all times Eastern).

The popular **24-day** stand covers a five-week stretch every **Wednesday-Sunday** through Nov. 29, with the exception of Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7 when the Breeders' Cup World Championships return to Keeneland.

The Fall Meet kicks off in style Sunday with the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Stars of Tomorrow I" program, which is entirely devoted to hopeful 2-year-old stars that have aspirations of trail-blazing their way to next year's Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) and Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Sunday's 11-race opening day card is headlined by the eighth runnings of two 1 1/16 miles, \$98,000-added overnight stakes – the open-company **Street Sense** and **Rags to Riches** for fillies. Those races serve as local steppingstones to the two Grade II, \$200,000, 1 1/16-mile counterparts on the Saturday, Nov. 28 "Stars of Tomorrow II" program – the open **Kentucky Jockey Club** and **Golden Rod** for fillies that are part of the Road to the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks series which award points to the Top 4 finishers (10-4-2-1).

### ***Churchill Downs Welcomes Back Guests***

Sunday's Fall Meet opener will mark the first time this year that spectators can return to Churchill Downs for live racing. Churchill Downs will continue to follow the COVID-19 health and safety protocols for Venues and Events as mandated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Last year's average daily attendance during the Fall Meet was 4,200 guests, and less spectators are expected this year. Reserved outdoor box seats as well as select indoor premium areas will be open with proper social distancing at limited capacity per the state's requirements for venues and event spaces.

To facilitate a safe and enjoyable experience, there will be no general admission at the Fall Meet but first floor reserved box seats will be sold at general admission pricing for \$5 (\$7 on Nov. 27-28). Third floor box seats are \$12. Dining options are \$39 (\$72 on Thanksgiving Day and \$49 on Nov. 27-28). Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/>. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Temperature checks, medical questionnaires, physical distancing and mandatory face coverings will be required upon entrance and movement within Churchill Downs. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present.

More information on Churchill Downs' COVID-19 health and safety guidelines can be found online at <https://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets/admissions-services/updates>.

### ***Big Money, Big Fields***

Over the course of the meet, horsemen will have ample opportunities to uncork promising juveniles or seek year-end graded-stakes glory. All told, **10 stakes races cumulatively worth \$1.796 million** – which includes **eight graded stakes events** – will be run during the fall stand. Meanwhile, bettors are certain to be challenged by the competitive Fall Meet racing that typically pits the fastest and battle-tested horses against the recently freshened year-end bloomers.

With a compact 24-day schedule and not as many competing race meets at year's end, the Fall Meet often offers large fields. Last fall, the average field size was **8.9 horses per race**.

The reason? Purses at Churchill Downs have been supercharged since September 2018 thanks to business from state-of-the-art historical racing machines at nearby **Derby City Gaming**. This year's Fall Meet condition book offers \$15.2 million in prize money (all purses include money from the **Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund**), which averages to \$633,900 per day. There will be a total of 251 races and the average purse offered is \$60,616 per race. Maiden special weight races are worth \$85,000 and allowance races range from \$87,000 to \$95,000.

The anchor of the lucrative stakes program comes on "Black Friday," Nov. 27 with the 146<sup>th</sup> running of the **\$500,000 Clark Presented by Norton Healthcare (GI)**. The 1 1/8-mile test for 3-year-olds and up annually lures some of the top older horses in North America and is one of six stakes events cumulatively worth \$1.3 million to be contested over Thanksgiving weekend.

### ***Racing Every Wednesday-Sunday; First Race 1 p.m. Most Days***

After Sunday's opener, live racing will be conducted on a **Wednesday-Sunday** schedule with dark days on Mondays, Tuesdays and Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7. Most race days feature 10 live races. There will be 11 on Sunday's opener as well as Saturday, Nov. 14 and Saturday, Nov. 21. Twelve-race cards are scheduled over the final four days, Nov. 26-29.

Post time will be 1 p.m. (all times Eastern) on most racing days with admission gates open at noon. There will be an early 11:30 a.m. start (gates 10:30 a.m.) on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, Nov. 26) – a Louisville tradition at Churchill Downs since 1969.

### ***Stars of Tomorrow Produces***

Inaugurated in 2005, the "Stars of Tomorrow" programs at Churchill Downs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year champions **Gun Runner** (2017) and **Rachel Alexandra** (2009); Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** (2010); Kentucky Oaks winners Rachel Alexandra (2009), **Believe You Can** (2012) and **Monomoy Girl** (2018); Preakness winners **Shackleford** (2011), **War of Will** (2019) and **Swiss Skydiver** (2020); Belmont winners **Creator** (2016) and **Tiz the Law** (2020); as well as 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster hero **Fort Larned** and 2013 champion 3-year-old **Will Take Charge**.

### ***Churchill Downs Racing to Air on FS1/FS2***

The racing action from Churchill Downs Racetrack throughout the Fall Meet will be broadcast on FOX Sports' "America's Day at the Races," which will air every race day on either **FS1 or FS2**.

Produced by the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) in partnership with FOX Sports, "America's Day at the Races" is the acclaimed national telecast presenting coverage and analysis of the best racing from around the country.

Sunday's opener at Churchill Downs will air on FS2 from 12:30-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. (no racing from 2-3 p.m. but programming will air from 12:30-6 p.m. on MSG+).

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### ***How to Watch FS1/FS2***

#### **FS1**

- Spectrum: Ch. 71 (Spectrum Select, Spectrum Silver and Spectrum Gold packages)
- DirecTV: Ch. 219 (Entertainment, Choice, Xtra, Ultimate and Premier packages)
- DISH: Ch. 150 (America's Top 250, America's Top 200, America's Top 120 Plus and America's Top 120 packages)
- AT&T U-Verse: Ch. 652 (U200, U300 and U450 packages)
- Streaming services: Hulu, Sling (Blue or Orange+Blue) and YouTube TV

#### **FS2**

- Spectrum: Ch. 552 (Spectrum Silver and Spectrum Gold packages)
- DirecTV: Ch. 618 (Xtra, Ultimate and Premier packages)
- DISH: Ch. 149 (America's Top 250, America's Top 200 and America's Top 120 Plus packages)
- AT&T U-Verse: Ch. 651 (U200, U300 and U450 packages)
- Streaming services: Hulu and YouTube TV

### ***Betting Menu Features 20-Cent Single 6 Jackpot***

The Fall Meet betting menu will be the same as recent meets and includes the 20-cent minimum **“Single 6 Jackpot,”** which is offered on the last six races each day with a low 15-percent takeout. The Single 6 Jackpot will be paid out only if there is a single winning wager with six winners placed at the required minimum bet value. If there are multiple winning wagers with six winners in the six-race sequence, 90 percent of the net money wagering into the pool will be paid out, and the remaining 10 percent will carry to the Single 6 Jackpot. If there are no tickets with all six winners, 100 percent of the pool will carry to the Single 6 Jackpot. There will be a mandatory payout on closing day.

Included daily will be at least two 50-cent Pick 5s and three 50-cent Pick 4s. Each day's program will begin with the low 15-percent takeout 50-cent Pick 5 (Races 1-5). The early Pick 4 will span Races 2-5. Also, the Late Pick 5 and Late Pick 4 will cover the final five and four races, respectively. A Mid-Card Pick 4 is offered on 10-race programs and will cover Races 4-7. When 11 races are scheduled a Mid-Card Pick 5 will cover Races 4-8 and the Mid-Card Pick 4 will cover Races 5-8. Programs with 12 races will have a Mid-Card Pick 5 on Races 5-9 and a Mid-Card Pick 4 on Races 6-9.

Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double and Pick 3 wagers will be offered every race (on all races that qualify under Kentucky statutes for minimum field size) and the \$1 Super Hi-5 will once again be offered in the last race.

### ***Bet on Churchill Downs Via TwinSpires.com***

Racing fans are encouraged to wager on racing from Churchill Downs via **TwinSpires.com**, the official advance-deposit wagering service for Churchill Downs Incorporated and its family of racetracks.

TwinSpires.com boasts a new and improved wagering experience and mobile app combining the latest technology with the ability to wager on virtually every quarter, harness and thoroughbred horse race from venues across the globe. The new app provides users with smoother and more intuitive navigation, enhanced live-streaming capabilities allowing players to watch races while searching for their next wager, and all the best bonus offers, free bets, and promotions that TwinSpires.com is known for.

TwinSpires.com also offers access to unmatched insight and analysis from horse racing experts, handicappers, insiders, educators and Bloodstock Research Information Services (Brisnet).

### ***Lanerrie, Asmussen, Lothenbach Defend Fall Titles***

**Corey Lanerrie**, who rode 33 winners at the 2019 Fall Meet, is seeking to land his 20<sup>th</sup> riding title at Churchill Downs, but **Tyler Gaffalione** enters the season fresh off Spring and September Meet local titles with 31 and 20 wins, respectively. **Steve Asmussen**, who overtook Dale Romans as the track's all-time win leader with 759 Churchill Downs wins, has won a record 24 local training titles including three in a row: last year's Fall Meet (23 wins) and this year's Spring (17 wins) and September (12 wins) meets. **Bob Lothenbach's Lothenbach Stables** won the 2019 Fall Meet owners' crown with eight wins, three more than **Brad Kelley** of **Calumet Farm's** five victories.

### ***Watch and Wager on the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs***

Churchill Downs will simulcast the **Breeders' Cup World Championships** from Keeneland on Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7, but there will be no live racing those days.

A simulcast of the 10-race "Future Stars Friday" card from Keeneland will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the Breeders' Cup will cover Races 6-10 (2:30-5:10 p.m.). Championship Saturday's 12-race program at Keeneland will commence at 10:15 a.m. with the Breeders' Cup on Races 4-12 (Breeders' Cup starts at 12:02 p.m.). It will culminate with the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) at 5:13 p.m.

Simulcast wagering on the Breeders' Cup will be available in the ITW area on the second floor of the Clubhouse, as well as select dining spaces. Guests who attend Churchill Downs on Friday will be able to advance wager on the entire Championship Saturday program from Keeneland. There is no advance wagering on-track Thursday for the Championship Friday program.

### ***Kentucky Derby Future Wagers Return on Closing Weekend***

The first pools of the **2021 Kentucky Derby Future Wager** will be offered Nov. 26-29. The traditional pool with 23 individual wagering interests and an "all others" option will return, and so will the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, which debuted in 2015 and requires bettors to wager on the winning sire for next year's Kentucky Derby winner. The other Future Wager dates are tentatively set for Jan. 22-24 (Pool 2), Feb. 12-14 (Pool 3), March 5-7 (Pool 4) and March 26-28 (Pool 5). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 on March 5-7.

### ***Odds and Ends***

**Travis Stone** will describe the racing action throughout the Fall Meet. Veteran odds maker **Mike Battaglia** has morning line odds duty for the 46<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

### ***'Churchill Downs Today' Airs One-Hour Before First Race***

**Joe Kristufek** is Churchill Downs' on-track and simulcast host with additional race-by-race analysis to be provided by **Ed DeRosa**, **James Scully**, **Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

"Churchill Downs Today," the track's daily racing preview program, will air one hour before the first race of the day and can be seen on-track and [www.TwinSpires.com](http://www.TwinSpires.com).

### ***Free Past Performances***

Churchill Downs will offer handicappers free Brisnet past performances each day. Horseplayers can visit [www.churchilldowns.com/racing-handicapping/handicapping/expert-picks](http://www.churchilldowns.com/racing-handicapping/handicapping/expert-picks) for complementary Brisnet past performances along with daily expert selections from **Ed DeRosa**, **Joe Kristufek** and **Scott Shapiro** of TwinSpires.com and several other handicapping tips including workouts of the day from expert clocker **Bruno DeJulio**.

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### **Media Access**

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## **2020 CHURCHILL DOWNS FALL MEET STAKES SCHEDULE**

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Sunday, Oct. 25	8 <sup>th</sup>		\$98,000	Street Sense Overnight Stakes	2yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Sunday, Oct. 25	8 <sup>th</sup>		\$98,000	Rags to Riches Overnight Stakes	2yo f	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, Nov. 14	30 <sup>th</sup>	II	\$200,000	Mrs. Revere	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, Nov. 21	35 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Chilukki	3&cup, f&m	1 M	Dirt
Thursday, Nov. 26	105 <sup>th</sup>	II	\$200,000	Falls City	3&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Thursday, Nov. 26	47 <sup>th</sup>	III	\$100,000	Cardinal	3&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Friday, Nov. 27	146 <sup>th</sup>	I	\$500,000	Clark Presented by Norton Healthcare	3yo & up	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, Nov. 27	43 <sup>rd</sup>	III	\$100,000	River City	3yo & up	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, Nov. 28	94 <sup>th</sup>	II	\$200,000	Kentucky Jockey Club	2yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, Nov. 28	77 <sup>th</sup>	II	\$200,000	Golden Rod	2yo f	1 1/16 M	Dirt

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## **MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES PLACED SUPER STOCK TOPS SUNDAY'S \$98,000-ADDED STREET SENSE**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020)** – **Erv Woolsey** and **Keith Asmussen's** multiple graded stakes placed **Super Stock** headlines a field of seven colts and geldings that were entered in Sunday's \$98,000-added Street Sense, the co-headliner on opening day of the 24-day Fall Meet at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/16-mile Street Sense for 2-year-olds will share Sunday's spotlight with the \$98,000-added Rags to Riches for 2-year-old fillies. The 11-race "Stars of Tomorrow I" program will feature all juvenile races and has a first post of 1 p.m. (all times Eastern). The Street Sense and Rags to Riches will be run for the first time at 1 1/16 miles after previously run at one mile for the last seven editions. The Street Sense will go as Race 8 and Rags to Riches as Race 10 at 4:36 p.m. and 5:36 p.m., respectively.

Super Stock, a **Steve Asmussen**-trained Kentucky-bred son of Dialed In, broke his maiden Aug. 11 in the \$113,000 Texas Futurity at Lone Star Park. The colt subsequently finished third in the \$200,000 Iroquois presented by Ford (Grade III) and \$400,000 Breeders' Futurity (GI). **Ricardo Santana Jr.** has the call from post No. 7.

Among Super Stock's challengers in the Street Sense is **Fern Circle Stables** and **Three Chimney Farm's** impressive maiden winner **King Fury**. Named after the superstar boxer **Tyson Fury**, King Fury broke his maiden at Churchill Downs on Sept. 3 by 2 ¾ lengths. The colt attempted stakes company in the Breeders' Futurity but finished eighth after racing four wide throughout. **Brian Hernandez Jr.**, who was aboard King Fury for his maiden victory, will have the call in the Street Sense from post No. 4.

The complete field for the Street Sense in order of post position (with jockey and trainer): **Crime Spree** (Mitchell Murrill, Eric Heitzmann); **Oncoming Train** (Rafael Bejarano, Jimmy DiVito); **Arabian Prince** (Joe Talamo, Dallas Stewart); King Fury (Hernandez, Kenny McPeck); **Eucharist** (Tyler Gaffalione, Rodolphe Brisset); **Franz Josef** (Julien Leparoux, Glenn Wismer); and Super Stock (Santana, Asmussen).

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The Street Sense annually serves as a stepping-stone to the \$200,000 Jockey Club (GII), run on Nov. 28 at Churchill Downs.

Inaugurated in 2005, the Stars of Tomorrow programs at Churchill Downs have helped launch the careers of more than 50 future Grade I winners including Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver**, Kentucky Oaks winners **Rachel Alexandra**, **Believe You Can** and **Monomoy Girl** and Preakness (GI) winner **Swiss Skydiver**.

A total of 104 horses were entered in the body of Sunday's card for an average of 9.45 horses per race.

Sunday's National Weather Service forecast calls for cloudy conditions with highs in the high 60s. The rail on the Matt Winn Turf Course will be set in Lane 2, 15 feet off the inside hedge.

### UNDEFEATED COACH HEADLINES \$98,000-ADDED RAGS TO RICHES

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020)** – Kueber Racing's undefeated filly **Coach** headlines a competitive field of nine 2-year-old fillies that were entered in Sunday's \$98,000-added Rags to Riches on the "Stars of Tomorrow I" program at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/16-mile Rags to Riches will share Sunday's spotlight with the \$98,000-added Street Sense for 2-year-olds. The 11-race "Stars of Tomorrow I" program will feature all juvenile races and has a first post of 1 p.m. (all times Eastern). The Rags to Riches and Street Sense will be run for the first time at 1 1/16 miles after previously run at one mile for the last seven editions. The Rags to Riches is carded as Race 10 (5:36 p.m.) while the Street Sense will go as Race 8 (4:36 p.m.).

**Coach**, trained by **Brad Cox**, will attempt two turns for the first time after recording dominant victories at Indiana Grand, including a 4 1/4-length maiden win and besting first-level allowance company by 9 3/4 lengths. The daughter of Commissioner will be ridden by **Florent Geroux** from post No. 8.

Cox and Geroux are not strangers to winning the Rags to Riches. The tandem won the 2017 edition with eventual Kentucky Oaks winner and champion filly **Monomoy Girl**.

Among the challengers to **Coach** in the Rags to Riches is **Marylou Whitney Stables'** maiden winner **Malibu Bird**. Trained by **Norm Casse**, **Malibu Bird** narrowly broke her maiden at Keeneland on Oct. 3 in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight contest. The daughter of **Malibu Moon** will be ridden by **Tyler Gaffalione** from post 2.

The field for the Rags to Riches from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Orsetto** (Declan Cannon, Tim Austin); **Malibu Bird** (Gaffalione, Norm Casse); **Dash to the Top** (Gabriel Saez, Wayne Catalano); **Oliviaofthedesert** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck); **Lady Traveler** (Joe Talamo, Dale Romans); **Salty as Can Be** (Ricardo Santana Jr, Mark Casse); **Torsie's Charm** (Adam Beschizza, Eddie Kenneally); **Coach** (Geroux, Cox); and **Midnight Ballerina** (Julien Leparoux, Bill Mott).

Named after the 2007 Kentucky Oaks winner, the Rags to Riches annually serves as a prep to the \$200,000 Golden Rod (GII), run on Nov. 28 at Churchill Downs.

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